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President Trump has casually threatened nuclear war before and now has promised formally in a chilling speech at the United Nations to “totally destroy” North Korea if need be — presumably by using nukes. With North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un continuing to fire off missiles, and with civilians — mostly



women and children — the main casualties and refugees in wars across the Middle East, environmental issues like worrying about drilling in the Arctic or building natural gas pipelines can sometimes seem almost trivial. Unless, of course, these seemingly random events are somehow connected. They are. Continued reliance on fossil fuels that causes global climate change threatens

fragile ecosystems and the planet, but also exacerbates the conditions — drought, food insecurity, refugee movements, and more — that lurk beneath the violence and war in the world. Rachel Carson linked the dangers of war, nuclear weapons, and environmental destruction to the quest for easy profit and mankind's arrogance in believing we could control nature.

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